

Queridos padres y tutores,

Your child has made a wonderful decision to further his or her study of Spanish. I am honored to be your child's teacher for the 2009-10 school year. We have a big year ahead. The Spanish curriculum in our class will require that all students dedicate considerable energy to the challenge of language learning. I am committed to providing support to help your child succeed.

Why should your child pursue this study? Of all languages worldwide, Spanish is the third most spoken. Moreover, in our own country, the Hispanic American community is the largest and fastest-growing minority group. So whether life leads students near or far in the days beyond high school, they will be sure to find real-world demand for individuals who can bridge the English-Spanish communication gap.

Authentic materials and authentic communication are elements that will guide my instruction. While relying on class textbooks for core information, I will teach Spanish by exposing students to popular music, up-to-date media, classic literature and notable art of the Spanish-speaking world. I expect to provide students many opportunities to communicate and exchange with Spanish speakers and Spanish classrooms worldwide. Accordingly, technology will play a critical role in our classroom.

Perhaps the most important lesson to be acquired in Spanish class is the new and profound appreciation for something that once was foreign and perhaps misunderstood. I encourage all of my students to apply their new language and understandings beyond the classroom for greater peace in our small world.

You will find specific details about your child's course on the attached syllabus. At the end of the syllabus there is a place for your signature as well as that of your child. Please check out our course website! There you will find all of this information and more up-to-date coverage of what's happening in class.

I look forward to getting to know you and your student in the year ahead. Please contact me at any time to share your ideas or concerns. I am available by telephone or email, and will make your concern my priority.

El mundo pertenece a los jovenes. The world belongs to the young.

Sinceramente,

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